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The Elba Elementary School Library is sponsoring a Book Fair this week - Feb. 29 - March 4. The Book Fair will be open 7:45 - 3:00 during the day and students will be able to browse and purchase books. All students, parents and visitors are invited. The Book Fair displays new books, books with cassettes, coloring books, posters, sticker books, bookmarks and much more. All profits will be used to purchase library supplies and equipment.

County election officials keeping fingers crossed that voters will understand options

While many national political experts have labeled March 8 as "Super Tuesday," voting officials in Alabama and Coffee County will just be glad when the primary is over and have their fingers crossed that the election won't be remembered as "Terrible Tuesday" because of the mass confusion centered around the election of possible impeachments concerning future elections.

"What the people have are actually three elections," stated county election supervisor Nell Harvison, "and the voters may vote in one or two, but not in three! The Democratic and Republican candidates and delegates, she should sign the Democratic list before voting and then sign a second form if he/she wishes to vote on the amendments.

"A voter who wants to vote for a Republican presidential candidate must sign the Republican list and then may vote for the candidate of his choice, and from the long list of delegates from the Congressmen, the voter may choose an even longer list of at-large delegates, an even longer list of at-large delegates."

"If a voter wishes to cast votes for 17 of the 157 at-large Republican delegates, he must do so on a paper ballot upon completion of the remainder of the voting. A Republican may also vote on the statewide amendments by signing the amendment list."

"Voters need to realize the consequences in coming days before casting their ballots in next Tuesday's election," warned Mrs. Harvison. "While the law may change before June, as it now stands it will not be legal to vote for a Republican candidate and then vote on a candidate's list of delegates and then vote in the county election this June when the Democrats choose their candidates."

"It is confusing and many people could lose their local voting right, but that's the way it is."

"A problem that will be unique to Coffee County, but may cause just as much havoc as the statewide voting controversy, concerns where voters in Districts 1 and 3 will vote if they live in Beat 6. The county commission recently re-

drawn its boundaries after a court order to add a community from a predominantly black district, and after doing so, was forced to completely revamp its district lines, which resulted in Beat 6 being split into two districts.

All voters residing in District 1 will vote in the Army Reserve Center located on the Airport Road, while the remaining Beat 6 voters will cast their ballot as usual at the Army Reserve Center on Clayton Ave.

While Elba residents need to check at the registrar's office to find clarification of exactly where they are to vote, a brief description of Elba residents now residing in District 1 is that all those living outside the boundaries of the bypass and those residents living in Brookdale are in the district (4).

A voter who attempts to vote at the wrong site will be asked to go to the other voting location to cast their ballot, and any voter who does not appear on either of the two locations may go to the registrar's office and if the name was simply omitted by mistake, a certificate will be issued making the voter eligible to cast a ballot at the proper location.

Elba residents must re-identify to vote in August city election

Community Resources supervisor Glenn Smith stated that during January notices were made to the Elba City Clerk, Circuit Judge Terry Butts and at both meetings the discussions centered around the needs of the county. Mrs. Smith added that the needs of voluntary services and the needs of the elderly were also a source of concern by all present.

Eligibility and Child Support supervisor Diane Parker reported that in January the local office had an ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) fraud case in court and stated that the person pled guilty and was ordered to make restitution.

Mrs. Parker stated that the implementation of the IEVS Interim Claims System for Public Assistance Cases, which comes into effect in April, will help to keep the eligibility workers extra busy.

The workers have reportedly been completing a claim form on each of their closed cases with overpayments and potential overpayments. The notices have been sent to the clients regarding the overpayments and have resulted in some voluntary repayments on the claims.

January was reported to be the highest and second highest month in recent memory and it is expected that 1988 will be a big year in the collection of payments.

Total payments for the month amounted to \$37,189.15.



Running as local delegates for Richard Gephardt for President campaign on March 8 (L-R): Mrs. Mary Holley, Circuit Judge Terry Butts and his wife Sue; presidential candidate Gephardt, and State Rep. Jimmy Holley. Judge and Mrs. Butts are chairmen of the 2nd Congressional District Gephardt for President campaign. Mrs. Brooks and Rep. Holley are local co-chairmen of the Coffee County Gephardt for President committee.

Elba residents included on Gephardt steering committee

Congressman Gephardt also announced the campaign's Congressional district chairs: Hon. Freida Roberts, first district; Judge Terry Butts, second district; State Rep. Jimmy Holley, third district; J.D. Snoddy, fourth district; Russ McDonald, fifth district; State Sen. Jim Bell, sixth district; and Sara Skelton McBrown, seventh district.

Others on the committee include:

Rep. Jimmy Holley, Elba; Marion Harley, Greenville.

March 3 is final day for voters to apply for absentee ballots

Preference Primary may make application by mail or at the office located above the probate office in the Elba Courthouse before that date.

Office hours are 8 - 5 each day, Monday through Friday.

MARCH

Courts to aid in collecting

payments from absent parents

The Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources released information in a bulletin last week for the month of February and in the report county director Ronald Smith stated that while January was "another good month" for the department, the work was not done.

Smith also reported that he had attended a reception for Mrs. Nell Harvison in honor of her 30 years of service in the office of the probate judge, and attended a retirement reception for Mrs. Virginia Mills, who had served as Human Resource director in Covington County for many years.

Food Stamp Program supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in January there had been 1,205 households, with total members of the households being 3,065 and the total amount of food stamps issued totaling \$131,071. Sixty-nine new food stamp cases were opened during the month and twelve were denied.

Mrs. Jones reported that during the month of January the certification workers in the office processed over 342 monthly report forms and 542 changes, in addition to certifications, computer printout investigations, taking phone calls, meeting with law enforcement agencies, and the routine completion of forms from the certification process.

The Coffee County Food stamp office presently has two certification workers, added Mrs. Jones, "and according to new staff standards the county should have 4.7 workers." She said that the certification office is very pleased with the dedicated staff worked under, the office continues to work at a rate of zero concerning errors.

The office unit investigated a total of 259 cases with five of the reports involving adult abuse and the remainder being juvenile.

The juvenile investigations included reports of physical abuse - 5 cases alone - 3, and neglect - 16. During the past year the unit reported that it had investigated 299 cases of child abuse/neglect, with a finding of actual abuse or neglect being found in 129 cases. The total of 299 cases was down from a four-year high of 322 in 1986.

It was also reported that Myrna Rhoades, Natalie Kimble and Mrs. Mrs. Network meeting recently, and that in the future foster parents, workers and supervisors from the 13 county area will meet quarterly to plan new methods of foster parent recruiting and training.

Smith reported that in addition to the setting of court dates for the hearing of contempt cases, letters of appreciation will be sent to all employers who have cooperated in the child support payments from their employees.

Mrs. Cheryl Harrison, assistant attorney for Coffee and Pike Counties, stated that all parties receiving a summons to appear in court on the designated dates will be kept in mind so that if they in anyway are unable to appear they will be excused as part of their child support obligation.

Mrs. Harrison stated that property records are now being checked and anyone owned property such as cars, as well as other assets, needed to be aware that this property can be used in meeting child support payments.

She also reported that the court on the dates of March 3, 21, 22 and 31, 1988, will be open to persons owing child support.

At the time of the hearing, The Elba Clipper urges voters to support Gephardt by voting for delegates Terry and Sue Butts and Jimmy and Mary Holley, all from Elba.

Mother of candidate to be in Elba

Mrs. Lorraine Gephardt, mother of presidential candidate Richard Gephardt, will be in Elba this afternoon (Thurs., March 3) at 1:30, according to Circuit Judge Terry Butts, who, along with his wife Sue, is serving as 2nd Congressional District coordinators for the Gephardt campaign.

Butts said Mrs. Gephardt will arrive at the Elba courthouse, be given a tour of the restored facility and then talk with citizens upstairs in the main courtroom.

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Elba sixth-grade class to present play

Mrs. Smith's sixth-grade class will perform a play, "The Haunting of Highway House," on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Admission is \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to purchase a computer for the reading class.

Gov. Guy Hunt announced last week that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has designated 61 Alabama counties as natural disaster areas because of damage they sustained in 1987's 11th consecutive drought.

Drought conditions from Jan. through Nov. 1987 caused widespread crop damage to soybeans, hay, pastures and peanuts. On Jan. 8, 1988, Hunt asked the agriculture department to declare 53 counties as natural disaster areas, thus making low-interest loans available to farmers through the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

After reviewing damage assessment reports for the 53 counties, the Dept. of

Agriculture determined that 31 of them had sustained sufficient damage to warrant a "primary-county" disaster designation. Thirty other contiguous counties were also included in the declaration, Hunt said.

Among the 31 primary counties were Butler, Henry and Pike, while the 30 contiguous counties included Bullock, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dallas and Hale.

For information on applying for drought disaster assistance in a given county, contact the FmHA office in that county.

Change of venue request denied

Circuit Judge Gary McAliley announced this week that he had denied a motion for a change in venue in the case of an Elba man charged with one count of capital murder and four counts of second-degree forgery.

Tickets are available from any

witnesses called to the stand.

After hearing the testimony and plea by the attorneys, Judge McAliley took the request under advisement and Tuesday announced he had denied the request.

The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Elba Elementary School on Saturday, March 5, from 6 until 10 a.m.

Pancake Day co-chairmen Grady Eason and Rex Boutwell are busy rounding up the necessary ingredients to make this "better than ever" fund-raising effort for sight conservation, according to a spokesman for the group.

Tickets are available from any

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BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

Our business is one that puts gray hair on your head prematurely. Tuesday of this week was surely one of those peak days when only the healthy survive. However, we were brought back to reality when another local businessman, who was also having his problems, offered to swap even with us. He would take the newspaper with all its problems and we would take his business and a different set of problems.

We have an election next Tuesday. It is called "Super Tuesday." Somehow or other, we are going to select delegates to the Democratic and Republican conventions who will then select the candidates for the November general election. We are finding a lot of people wanting to vote for a Republican for president but reserve their legal rights to vote for Democratic candidates in the local elections in June. Well, folks, we didn't advise it. You could probably get away with it legally, but then again you might not - and it just ain't worth the chance. However, let us not forget that we will have the right to vote in the Elba city elections later in year. Those are no less serious than any political party and you can vote side by side with those who voted Democrat or Republican - or however. Frankly, we are going to either cast our vote for the Democrats or just on the amendments, because we are going to have our say in the county commission race, judges, race, etc., in Coffee County come June.

Six amendments are on the ballot for next Tuesday. Several are not really earth-shattering, and we don't have strong feelings about them all, but several do. We are going to vote yes on the first four and no on the last two. Our "no's" votes are the strongest of them all. On No. 1 we vote yes, feeling it is best to bind into the law standards to keep the state from doing things that are not good for the state. We are voting some folks off or whatever. No. 2 eliminates an unfairness in which tax companies owned outside of Alabama, and thus may keep some business from coming in here and putting our folks to work. No. 3 is long overdue and its purpose is to prevent state legislators from passing bills in Montgomery that cost the county commissioners money without consulting them. This is not something the state legislature should do. We have to make sure each bill has a purpose. Under the new law any lawmaker bringing a bill into committee would have to have the approval of the county before he could pass such bill. Otherwise, said lawmaker must furnish the extra money if he or she is going to mandate its expenditure. They can still pass such laws, but the lead time is longer and puts the lawmakers in a bind to see more of just what is going on. No. 4 provides for a state lotter, but no lottery ticket will be sold in the state's unincorporated zones in highest areas. It will allow local governments to set up districts and give them favored tax status. This too might put some folks to work. No. 5 is a no. It allows a bunch of elected officials to get in on the state retirement program. We strongly feel people should seek employment as a career, and not as a retirement fund. We will fight you over this deal. Also, No. 6 is a no. We have to make sure each bill has a purpose. Under the new law, if a bill is not good, it is filled with trash, it shouldn't have been allowed on the ballot. It excepts the board from any parts of the state law, including bid laws, limits on personal expenses, allows them to issue more bonds, if they need it," and then says that when doing all this, if they have spent their money and can't repay the bonds, we will step in and do it for them. Vote "no" on 5 and 6 is what I plan to do. Come back next year with a cleaned up bill and we will support the country music hall of fame and even take our Hall Williams Jr. fan club member son up there.

Elba has four people running as delegates for Richard Gephardt in the presidential primary next Tuesday. They are Terry and Suze Butts, and Jimmy and Mary Holley. We aren't getting into this horse race, but if you are so inclined, watch the ballot for their names.

We would be remiss if we didn't note that Jackson W. "Bill" Stokes is also on this ballot. He is running as a delegate for Albert Gore.

Bank Women To Meet March 24 - 26 At Eufaula

The 36th annual Alabama State Conference of the National Association of Bank Women has been scheduled for March 24-26 at Lakepoint Inn in Eufaula.

The conference will focus on changes such as mergers and acquisitions, competitive positioning and new ways of doing business which require restructuring of the banking industry.

Color Guard Contest Set For

Saturday Night At Elba High

The Elba High School Band Boosters and the Gulf Coast Color Guard Circuit will sponsor the first annual Elba Color Guard Classic on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School gymnasium.

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - City Hall, 3rd Tues. 9:30-10:30 a.m. - 498-6324

ROTARY CLUB - M. & N. Ye Old Hickory Pt. 7 a.m.

EASTERS - 1st & 3rd Tues. 4th Thurs. 7 p.m.

ELBA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSNS. - Thur. 8 a.m. - Ye Old Hickory Pt.

JAYCERS - 1st & 3rd Thur. 7 p.m. - Hotel Elba

CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mon. 7 p.m.

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. - Hotel Elba

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American Heart Association volunteers from all sections of the Community Room of the SouthTrust Bank on Sunday afternoon, February 28, between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., to turn in their kits for the annual door-to-door campaign and received donations of \$2900. The volunteers left an information sheet at each home they visited.

Fifth Annual Quilt Show To Be Held April 16 & 17

The Enterprising Quilter's 5th annual Quilt Show will be held April 16 and 17, at the Enterprise State Junior College Student Center in Enterprise. This will be in conjunction with the Pinewood Festival.

All quilt owners are invited to enter their quilts in this show. Those who plan to do so are asked to send in their entry forms by April 1. Entry forms must be turned in at the Quilt Show, chairman no later than April 6, 1988 so that a space can be reserved.

For more information and entry forms send SASE to Lavinia Helms,

ESJC Offers Tole

Painting Course

Pre-Nursing Exam To Be Given At MacArthur Tech

The Pre-Entrance Nursing Exam for Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will be given Wednesday, March 9 at 1 p.m. in the Auditorium.

For more information call 493-3573.

Heart Of Dixie African Violet Society To Meet

The Heart of Dixie African Violet Society of Dothan will have their Annual AVSA Judged Show on March 12 - 13, 1988, at Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan.

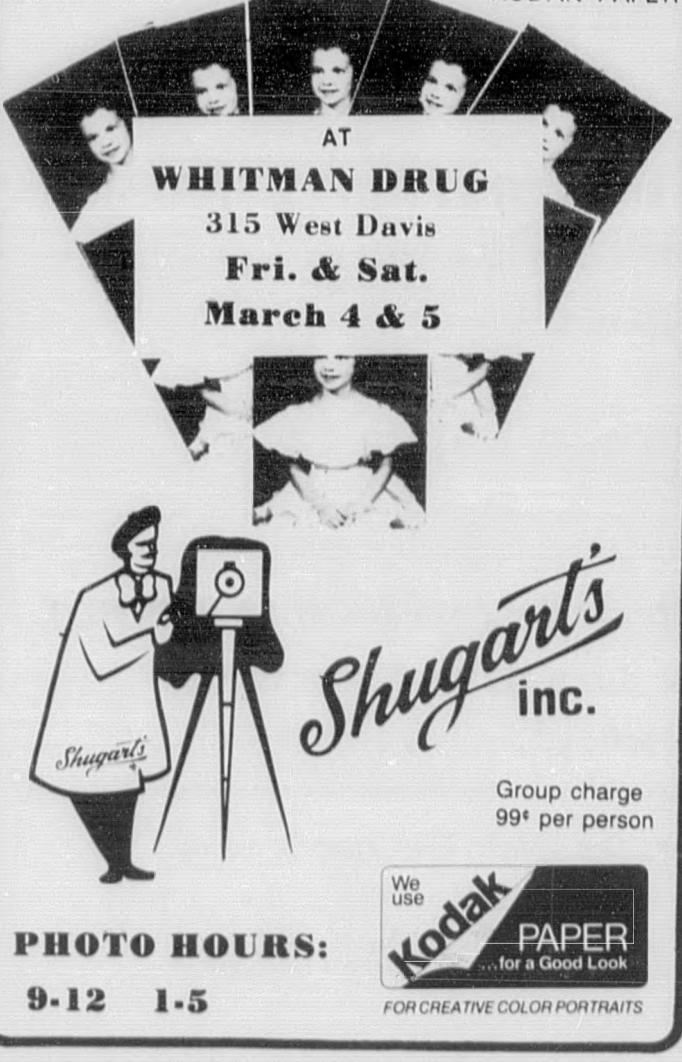
Flowers Fashions (now new location) (former Mary's Style Shoppe Building)

Fine Fashions For Men, Women & Children

20% Off Men's & Boy's Easter Suits

1 - 10x13
(Wall Photo)
1 - 8x10
2 - 5x7
2 - 3x5
16 - King Size Wallets
8 - Regular Size Wallets

30 Color Photos
\$10.00 Due at Pick up (plus tax)
\$10.99 Pkg.
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Socials

Mallorys To Be Honored With Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Mallory, Michael and Anna Mallory of Andalusia will honor their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mallory (Jewell) Mallory of Brundidge on their 40th wedding anniversary, with a reception on Sunday, March 6, from two until three-thirty in the afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of Salem Baptist Church in Brundidge.

All friends are invited.

The church is located at 217 South Main St., Brundidge. It is requested that gifts be omitted.

Mr. Stroman - Miss Morris

Morris-Stroman

To Wed

Mr. Raymond Morris of Elba and Mrs. Martha Maddox of Panama City, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Morris, to Ronald Shawn Stroman, son of Mr. George R. Stroman of Columbia, S.C.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Opp High School. She is currently in the Navy, stationed in New Orleans, La.

The prospective bridegroom is a native of Columbia, S.C. He is also in the Navy, now stationed at Dade City, Fla.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, March 26 at six o'clock in the evening at the Basin Baptist Church, located at Rt. 4, Elba.

Performing the double-ring ceremony will be Rev. Dr. Polson.

A shower and reception will follow in the church dining hall immediately following the ceremony.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Sutley - Kelley Wedding Planned

For March 4th

Hannah Elise Meherg, daughter of Jim and D'Ann (Wilson) Meherg, celebrated her first birthday with a party at home in Tuscaloosa on Feb. 7, 1988.

Miss Meherg is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Wilson of Elba.

Her parents participated in the "Starbright Surprise" theme and was attended by family and friends from the Tuscaloosa area.

In commenting on her party, Miss Meherg said, "Goo gah lah, MaMa and DaDa."

All friends and family are invited.

What does Acts 2:45 mean?

HARVEY BOWMAN, Pastor, Elba Church of God

Acts 2:45 says, "And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need."

First, at this time the disciples were multiplying so fast that there were thousands of new converts to Christianity. Secondly, many thousands of people were cared for without charge at the feast at Pentecost, so before the community of goods was no strange thing in Jewry at such times.

This particular community idea was carried further and longer than at a feast. Multitudes were staying in the church revival and strange things happened.

It is necessary to provide for the special needs of those who sold their possessions (not necessarily their homes but extra possessions) in order that everyone could be provided for. This was only temporary during the revival and was not practiced at Jerusalem or elsewhere.

The other community solutions were later taken only for the poor and not for the church proves that not all the church was poor (1 Cor. 11:16; 2 Cor. 8 & 9). No one was forced to sell anything for the common cause, as is depicted in Acts 5:1-11.

Here we see that we are sharing in one another in the body of Christ. In Ephesians 1:22-23 we see that the church (people who make up the church) is called the body of Christ. Also, Colossians 1:18 tells us Christ is called the head of this body, and in Colossians 1:24 it is also called the church (Col. 1:18). Now we see that we have many members in our body and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members of one another." Knowing this, it is easy to see Matt. 25:35-36. For I Jesus was hungry, and you gave me meat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me."

Verse 40 says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So we see that the Lord considers anything that we do, good or bad, to our fellow Christians as doing it to Him. So we minister to the Lord when we minister to the needs of individuals in the body of Christ, the church. We also see that God expects us, as individuals, to take the personal responsibility in our own actions.

Some would rather it be in Jerusalem, but God wants it on an individual, one-on-one basis. In 1 John 3:17: "But who hath this world's good? He that loveth his brother hath it; for he that loveth his brother abideth in the truth; and the truth abideth in him." This makes it a personal responsibility to the person who "keeps his brother in need."

This then puts it in a very personal way. "I John 3:18, 'My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but let us do it truly.' Even though the Church doesn't have a corporate command to minister to the needs of our fellow Christians, we have a personal and individual duty to help when the opportunity comes our way."

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News From Our Early Files

TEN YEARS AGO MARCH 9, 1978

daughter Janet at Auburn University Wednesday.

THIRTY YEARS AGO MARCH 9, 1958

"Top Coffee County 4-H Club officers from the Basin Girls and Boys Club who won first place in their division at the state-wide contest were: Lucy Parker, Landis Parker, Jerry Weeks, Patsy Collier, Peggy Spain, Jerry Mack, Johnny McRae, Linda Boggs, Patsy Boutwell, Jeal Boland, Billy Moore, John Smith.

Laura S. Barker has announced her candidacy for circuit clerk in the Decatur primary to be held May 6. She is the wife of C.B. Barker of the Woodland Grove Community and they have two daughters: Laura Lou, 9, and Debbie, 7.

Through the Keyhole, with Mrs. Robert Cannon: Four local boys celebrated their tenth birthdays with a special party at the American Legion Hall on Saturday.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky and Debbie Bowers, of Mrs. Opal Stinson's reading class.

Molly Wise, a 70 year old widow, with her son Ricky, and her son Eddie, 21, dropped from their homes in Elba to Paxton, Fla., and were admitted in a quiet private home with the care of the peace, and "it lastingly well," stated several of their children. They made their home in Elba.

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***Mrs. D.M. English, Mrs. Mary P. Young, Misses Becky English, Becky Horne, Linda Leek, Judy Davis, Linda Watson, Diane Davis and Jane Jones were at Alabama College, Montevallo, recently for a Friday night and a tour of the Homecoming.

***Students attending the Beta Club Convention in Birmingham during the weekend were Ed Wise, Lawrence, Carol Vaughan, Nancy Brock, Christina Cook, Mickey Diggers, and Waylon Sharpless, sponsor.

Traci resides in Andalusia with her husband Steve and son Brandon, age 3½.

Wendy Manning and Keith Graham both announced the birth of their son, Daniel "Casey," on Feb. 3, 1988, at Humana Hospital -Enterprise. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs.

Grandparents are Edd and Faye Graham and Ned and Jeanette Graham, all of Elba.

Great grandparents are Jackson and Cora Chandler of Brantley, Steve and Florence Smith of Elba, and the late Cleon Lucas, also of Elba.

Casey was born on his Great-Grandmother Chandler's 77th

birthday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Mallory

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VICA Members To Compete

In District Contest

Members of the Elba High VICA Club will attend the District IV VICA Skills contest at Wallace College in Dothan Saturday, May 5.

The club will be represented in the various contests by the following students:

Automotive Service Technology - Kenny Sweet
Welding - Chris Johnson
Opening and Closing Ceremony -

Anjela Bedsole, Mandy Ham, Daphne Huggins, Melissa Johnson, Wendy Moulton, Whitney Wise and Gina Young.

Voting delegates to the business meeting will be Lisa Machiole and Jason Moore.

These students have worked hard in their classes as well as after school to prepare for the contests, and deserve recognition and support.

Tara Rhoades Wins Region Recipe Contest



TARA RHOADES



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Tara Rhoades, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rhoades, won first place honors in the Region III Peanut Recipe Contest held at the Montgomery Area Vocational Center on Feb. 20. She represented Coffee County, along with contestants from nine other counties.

The contestants prepared the same dish used in local competition, and the main dish had to be oil-free and use peanut and peanut products.

Tara prepared a dish called "Pork Chops in a Nutty Citrus Sauce."

For her award Tara received a certificate and \$50. She participated as Region III's entry in the state contest Saturday, Feb. 27.

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PUBLIC HEARING

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The primary objective of the hearings is to solicit citizens' views and proposals on Coffee County's needs and problems.

The county commission is applying for a Community Development Block Grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

All interested citizens should attend the hearings or make their views known to the county commission.

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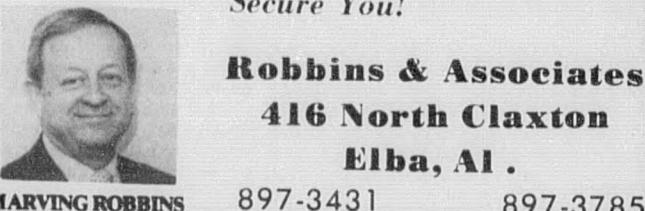
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What's Cooking?

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARCH 7-11 BREAKFAST

Monday - Cereal, Milk

Tuesday - Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Pancake, Syrup, Milk, Bacon

Thursday - Eggs, Tomato, Jelly, Juice, Milk

Friday - Biscuit, Jelly, Sausage, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Fish, French Fries, Cake, Milk

Tuesday - Chicken, Catup, Black-eyed Peas, Fruit, Marshmallow Cracker, Milk

Wednesday - Chicken Wiggle, Peas, Fruit, Roll, Milk

Thursday - Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Onion, Potato Tots, Catsup, Milk

Friday - Taco Salad, Doritos, Milk

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Group Of EHS Juniors Attend

Production Of "Our Town" In Dothan

The American literature classic play, "Our Town," is required reading for high school juniors in the State of Alabama. Area high schools were afforded the opportunity of seeing this production on stage and following their study of this drama. They were accompanied by Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, and Mrs. Janice Clark.

Monday, February 8, by the University of Alabama Players. Twenty-two of Mrs. Padgett's advanced students and two of Mrs. Tucker's general class attended this production. They were accompanied by Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, and Mrs. Janice Clark.

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The seventh and eighth grades were combined; ninth and tenth, and eleventh and twelfth.

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**Views From
The Pressbox**
By, Ricky Mularz

I always dread the first unopposed assignment of the season, and since my first game of the year were scheduled for Sunday, I was dreading the doubleheader between Steele's and two local teams. I had no reason not to look forward to the beginning of the spring season. Well, it turned out that nothing went smooth and I didn't even get fussed at in either game. I got a little sun-burned and my lips got chapped, but since that was all that happened, I'll have to consider the season off to a good start!

TIGER FOOTBALLERS HARD AT WORK

Spring football training is underway at Elba High School, and almost 60 players are taking part. Practice has been excellent, and coach Mack Wood reports the scrimage has nothing to write home about, he added that the first week of practice went well and the squad is ahead of schedule going into the second week.

"We started the week with 54 players and while we're now down to 52 we feel like the ones we've left are good," said Wood. "We've had a few absences late in the week due to illness and minor injuries, but it was a pretty good opening week and everything is beginning to look okay."

The weather was great last week and the attitude of the team was excellent," added Wood, "which helps make it a good week. We put in a lot of work and we've been doing positions for just about everybody on the squad. We've got some big holes to fill on both sides of the ball and know it will take a lot of hard work, however, we seem to be doing a good job and if the team will keep working maybe we'll be all right before too long. We hit every day last weekend by the end of the week a lot of kids were little tired and a little banged up, but we've only got two more weeks to go."

When asked about last week's scrimage, Coach Wood reported that "it wasn't great, but they did a lot of good work." The team was good from everybody that took part and almost every single player got on a good deal of action. If there was a strongpoint it had to be the

defense, while over on offense we mainly focused on the offensive line. We didn't really have game type scrimmages on Wednesday and Friday. We'll start looking at the fundamentals throughout the spring and we'll stick with teaching the fundamentals throughout the spring."

"This week, stated Wood, "we'll

spend two days game and then add a little each and every day, but mainly focus on the offense in the

fundamentals are the key in the spring and we'll stick with teaching the fundamentals throughout the spring."

All eyes are on the alley as Tigers work in spring drills.

The state high school basketball tournament is underway this weekend at Autauga Community College. No team from Coffee County are among those competing, the field looks impressive and the action should be just as good as ever. Here's a quick look at each classification:

Class 6A: There are no real powers in the big boys' class, even though Jeff Davis made the event as the No. 1 ranked team in the state. The winner of the Tuscaloosa Central vs. Elba game will have to good showings to make it, but this class is really up for grabs.

Class 5A: There appears to be four teams that are head-and-shoulders above the rest, and it just so happens that the teams play in two games back-to-back Friday, so a hard to find come Friday night.

The teams I think are easily top three class are Sylacauga, Jackson-Olin, Andalusia and Elba. Elba is a power in its own right.

Class 4A: This is also a very competitive field.

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Class 3A: Our area is well represented with both Clayton and Louisville in the eight-team field, but I don't think either team has much of a chance to bring home the top prize. Crossville and Vincent have received a lot of publicity all season long, but at times it appears to be Elba vs. South Lamar. This will be a competitive dual.

Class 2A: Florala and Wicksburg both have very good teams and have better than average shot at making it to the finals, but has played noted.

Fairhope and Birmingham both have very good teams and have better than average shot at making it to the finals, but has played noted.

Class 1A: This is a very competitive class.

Everyone who attended Sunday's doubleheader between Steele's and two local teams was impressed with the level of ball playing in Elba and while a home-run derby isn't always the most exciting thing to see, everyone got their money's worth because a total of 46 home runs were hit in the open and another 31 left the park in the nightcap, making the final home-run total for the day a whopping 77! In the opening game, Hickman Moving and Storage vs. Silver Bullets, the latter beat the former by 10 home runs and 54 hits, and although the Movers made a game of it for a while, Steele's was clearly the top dog! The Norman Trucking - Co-op squad almost pulled off the upset of the year and actually out-homered Steele's 20-11 in the nightcap. Steele's was on the verge of getting upset late in the game, but came up short, losing 13 runs in the sixth inning with only 3 home runs to pull out the win.

A crowd estimated at 500 attended the doubleheader, and it was great to have such an event in Elba. All the thanks goes to Mike Carnley, who called the Ohio-based team to set up the event and then brought the whole thing together. It was fun to watch the best team in the world play in Elba, and both the teams that lost left the field satisfied with their play. It was just a great day for all concerned!

IN CLOSING . . .

For years all we've heard was how the University of Cottenham has dominated football in south Alabama and how great the Bears were, but since Elba was a 3A team and Cottonwood a 2A, Tiger fans never got a chance to watch the Bears in action. Well, the wait is over because it was announced last week that Elba would meet Cottonwood in next year's season opener.

Cottonwood was without a doubt a one of the top football schools in the state and it will be an honor to see the Bears come to town and try their luck with the Tigers. I am already looking forward to it!

Support Elba High School

Athletics!!!!!!

Rattlesnake Rodeo Bargains

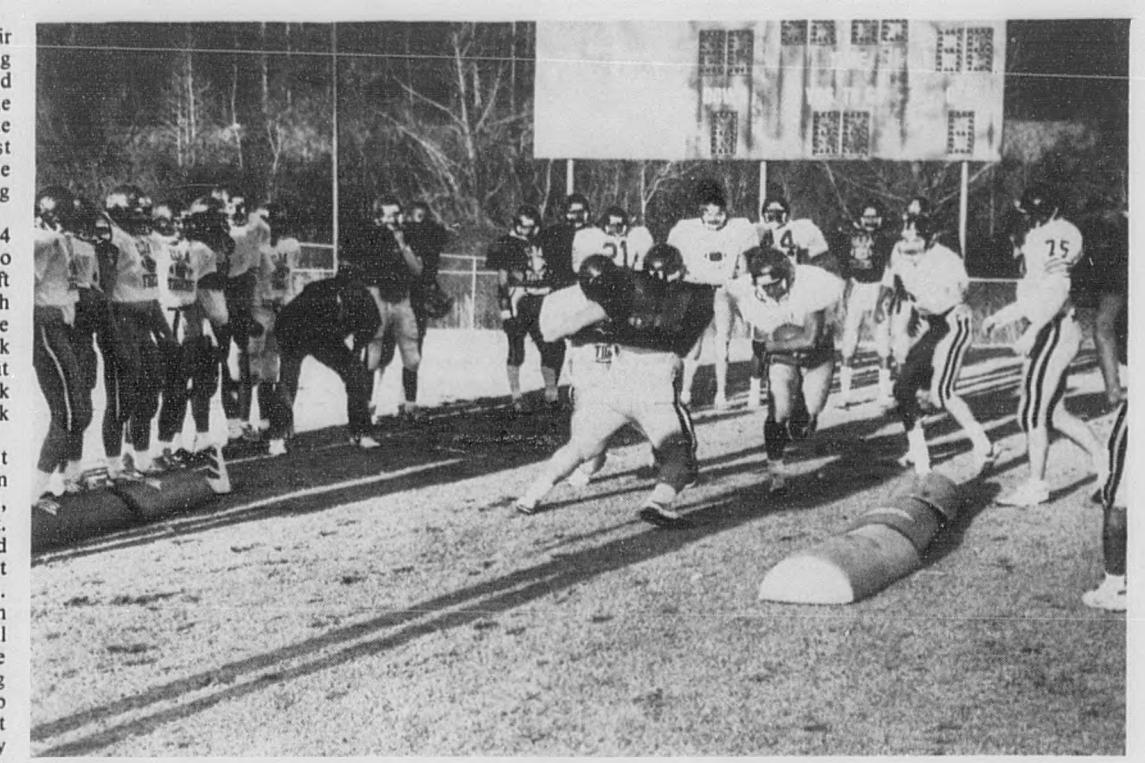
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Sports

Elba Tigers Working Hard At Spring Grid Training



All eyes are on the alley as Tigers work in spring drills.

Movers, while Mike Carnley added 3 hits and 2 homers. Other highlights for Hickman included Craig Filipski (4 hits and 1 homer), John Tucker (4 hits and 1 homer) and John Dyes (4 hits).

Steele's Silver Bullets 32
Hickman Moving & Storage 27

The Silver Bullets ripped 38 home-runs to pound out a wild 57-27 win over Hickman Moving and Storage.

Hickman surprised the national

champions early in the game and trailed only 16-16 after three innings;

however, Steele's stretched its lead to 30-16 in the fifth and never relinquished.

Kenny Dain got 5 hits and belted

2 homers to lead Steele's,

while Mike Macenko and Craig Elliott both added 5 hits and 2 homers, as did Doug Roberson.

Rodney Dollar got 5 hits and

pounded 4 home-runs to lead

Norman Co-op, while Jimmy Jenkins

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Rodgers, Betty C.

Co. Rd. 79, A par being Lot 1 of Rocton S/D P.B. 2 Pg. 6. S2-T7-R22. Taxes & Cost - \$32.70, Printer's - 19.15, Total - \$51.85.

ARNETTE, BENNIE

A lot in NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 lying N/S Co. Rd. #79 desc as comm at N line of sd forty & NE/S SD Rd; th SE 485 ft to POB, th NE 210 ft, th SE 150 ft, th SW 210 ft to NE/S SD Rd; th NW 150 ft to POB in S25, T7, R21. Taxes & Cost - \$32.70, Printer's - 19.15, Total - \$51.85.

ASHLEY, MAVIS

A lot in SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 desc as beg inter S line SD 4, 1/4 & W ROW Co Rd #79; th NW along SW 1/4 to ROW 105 ft to POB, th W 420 ft, th NE 66 ft, th E 380 ft, th SW 105 ft to POB in S15, T7, R22. Taxes & Cost - \$28.20, Printers - 18.37, Total - \$46.53.

BOLAND, B.F. & BETTY J.

Co. Rd. 79, A par being Lot 1 of Elba, Block 6, Mulberry Heights Subdivision, Plat Book MB-13, 95. Taxes & Cost - \$20.06, Printers - 9.79, Total - \$29.85.

CALDWELL, M.J. & DOROTHY S.

Mulberry Hgts Subl, Blk 10, Lots 46, 47, 48 & 49 in Elba, S7, T5, R20. Taxes & Cost - \$27.40, Printers - 9.01, Total - \$33.71.

SMITH, HOMER J. & JOE H.

Beg. at W/R/W paved Co. Rd. & N/R/W 40' unpaved Rd; Nly alg Rd; 225.7'; Nly 117.8'; Nly 297.2'; Nly alg Rd 410.8'; Nly 154.2'; Nly 308.5'; Nly 35.10'; Nly 145.1'; Wly 760.9'; Sly 616.2'; Sly 177.5'; E 365.5'; Sly 98.1'; Sly 242.3'; Nly 731.6; to POB. Sec. 23-T7N-R22E. Taxes & Cost - \$51.84, Printers - 10.97, Total - \$72.03.

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Beg. at W/R/W paved Co. Rd. & N/R/W 40' unpaved Rd; Nly 117.8'; Nly 297.2'; Nly 117.8'; Nly 297.2'; Nly alg Rd 410.8'; Nly 154.2'; Nly 308.5'; Nly 35.10'; Nly 145.1'; Wly 760.9'; Sly 616.2'; Sly 177.5'; E 365.5'; Sly 98.1'; Sly 242.3'; Nly 731.6; to POB. Sec. 23-T7N-R22E. Taxes & Cost - \$51.84, Printers - 10.97, Total - \$72.03.

ELIAS, MIRACLE

A lot in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 desc as beg 120 ft NE of Inter of E/L SD 40 & SW ROW Co Rd #76, in SW 206 ft, th NW 109 ft, th NE 205 ft, th SE 105 ft to POB in S27, T7, R22. Taxes & Cost - \$35.92, Printers - 16.29, Total - \$52.21.

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GIBSON, TIMOTHY & CELIA G.

Com. at int of N/L S/E 4/4 & E/S Co. Rd. 21; Sely 293'; Nly 407.66'; Swly 296.86'; to POB. Sec. 7-T6N-R20E. Taxes & Cost - \$193.82.

HARRISON, CHARLES WAYNE & ABELLA DONALDSON

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HARTZOG, FRANKIE

Beg. at int of S/R/W of Hwy 84 & E/R/W Caroline St.; Ely 248' to POB; E 200.1'; W200'; N200'; to POB, Elba, Sec. 7-T5N-R20E. Taxes & Cost - \$46.63, Printers - 14.21, Total - \$47.78.

HOLAND, GEORGE E. & MARY LYNNE

Beg. at SE cor of SW 1/4 of W200'; N200'; S100'; to POB. Sec. 7-T6R-19X. Taxes & Cost - \$21.60, Printers - 11.61; Total - \$33.21.

HOLAND, GEORGE E. & MARY LYNNE

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County engineer defends plans to use herbicide

The herbicide spraying of recent criticism from Alabama Attorney General Don Siegelman has drawn

planned by the highway department in Coffee County, county engineer Mark Pool insists that roadways

across the county will not be brown throughout the summer.

"The herbicide spraying in

Coffee County will not kill the grass," stated Pool, "it will only kill the fast-growing weeds. While the state uses a herbicide that keeps the area sprayed brown for a number of months, the grass is supposed to be brown-out for a couple of weeks."

"What we've got planned is to spray the weeds along the right-of-way so that they get about 100% kill. The herbicide will kill the weeds and while the grass keeps growing, the area will appear brown for a couple of weeks. The grass will remain green and will be visible; there's no going to kill everything that is growing in the area - just the weeds!"

In a recent letter Attorney General Siegelman stated that while Alabama is called "Alabama the Beautiful," the natural beauty is being marred by litter and herbicides.

replant crimson clover and indigenous flowers and trees along our roadways and highways. Such a beautification program would also save the state money spent on costly herbicides."

"I really can't answer just why the clover is no longer growing along the roadways," said Pool, "but I do know that it's cheaper to spray herbicides than it is to purchase the equipment needed to keep the right-of-way cut. We have 450 miles of paved roads in this county and our plan is to spray twice and then cut the shoulders in the fall is the most economical and the best plan for the county."

The state highway department sprays herbicides along our roadways and their killed many of our native wild flowers, trees and the crimson clover that once bordered our highways," wrote Siegelman. "This spraying has ruined Alabama's roadsides brown and presented a bad image to the many visitors and tourists who use our highways."

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